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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

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- 1. IN MEETING APRIL 12, CHAMBER CALLED AMERICAN OFFER OF THREE MONTHS AT 4,000 RUBLES QUOTE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE UNQUOTE.
- 2. CHAMBER REP SAID SHE HAD BEEN BUSY DURING DAY AND HAD NOT HAD TIME TO ASCERTAIN WHAT CHAMBER QUOTE COUNTER OFFER UNQUOTE MIGHT BE.
- 3. AMERICAN SIDE SUGGESTED THAT SIMPLEST COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE TO PROCEED BY ESTABLISHED PRECEDENT, SUCH AS HAD JUST BEEN SUCCESSFULLY DONE IN REGARD TO PHOTOGRAPHY USA NEGOTIATIONS, I.E. 5,000 RUBLES FOR EACH MONTH EXHIBIT IN COUNTRY. AMERICAN SIDE FURTHER INDICATED THAT ANY OTHER APPROACH WOULD RESULT IN AMERICAN SIDE ACCEPTING NEW PRECEDENT OF PAYING FOR CHAMBER SERVICES BEYOND EXHIBIT SHOWING PERIOD. THIS WOULD ONLY BE AGREEABLE IF SOVIET SIDE ALSO ACCEPTED PRECEDENT OF 20 PERCENT REDUCTION IN SERVICE COST FOR PERIOD EXHIBIT IN MOSCOW, APPLICABLE TO ALL SUBSEQUENT EXHIBITS.

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RM NEGOTIATIONS TO BE CONTINUED APRIL 13. EXPECTATION

IS THAT CHAMBER WILL FINALLY OFFER SOME CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS. THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD AMERICAN POSITION OUTLINED PARAGRAPH 3 BEST DESCRIBED AS ATTENTIVE AND INTERESTED.

5. OFFICIAL RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TITLE OF EXHIBIT QUOTE S.SH.A. - DVESTI LET UNQUOTE PASSED TO CHAMBER APRIL 12 WITH OFFICIAL LETTER CONFIRMING THIS TO FOLLOW. STOESSEL

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